National Program Directors' Prize Submission Guidelines

Supported by a generous grant from Amazon.com, the National Program Directors' Prizes for undergraduate literary magazines are awarded annually to outstanding journals in the categories of content and design.

Eligibility Requirements

Undergraduate literary magazines published between March 15, 2021, and March 15, 2022, are eligible for consideration. Magazines must be staffed and edited primarily by undergraduate students and must include some undergraduate writing. Online journals are most welcome. Please email the cover letter with the URL included in it to contests@awpwriter.org.

Guidelines

For print journals, two copies of a single issue of the magazine should be submitted as representative of the year’s production. Each entry should be accompanied by a cover letter that contains complete contact information. The final judges for content and design will be announced at the conclusion of the competition.

Each winning magazine receives a $1,000 cash award. Winners are announced in the Writer's Chronicle and in other media, and the winning magazines are acknowledged at AWP's annual conference the following year. Prize honoraria are sent directly to the winning magazines. The final judges for content and design are announced at the conclusion of the competition.

Send two copies of a single issue and a cover letter by March 15, 2022, to:

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